

Creating Categories for Ballot Measures

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There are four main types of pages typically made in state level ballot measures:

- State Year ballot measure pages [Ex. Florida 1984 ballot measures]
- State Year template lists [Ex. Template:Florida1984]
- Regular ballot measures pages [Ex. Florida Exemption of Homestead and Personal Property from Forced Sale, Amendment 1 (1984)]
- Ballot measure that did not make the ballot [Ex. Florida Tax Rollback and Cap Amendment, Proposition 1 (1984)]

Each of these pages uses a unique set of categories that should be consistent with all of the other pages in that same category. This helps with management and aggregation of sitewide data. Therefore, it is critical that we use the right categories.

State Year ballot measure pages

(Ex. http://web1.ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Florida_1984_ballot_measures)

These pages have one basic category:

- [[Category:State Year ballot measures]]

This category is a subtopic of other categories, and therefore need categories themselves.

[[Category:State Year ballot measures]] :

- [[State ballot measures]]
- [[Year ballot measures]]

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| Categories: Florida ballot measures 1984 ballot measures |
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This category should also use the {{sbm}} and {{State abbreviation}} (ex. {{fl}}) templates on the discussion page

State Year template lists
(Ex. <http://web1.ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Template:Florida1984>)

These pages have three basic categories:

- [[Category:State Year ballot measures]]
- [[Category:State ballot measure templates]]
- [[Category:Ballot measure template for Year]]

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| Categories: Florida 1984 ballot measures Florida ballot measure templates Ballot measure templates for 1984 |
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Each of these categories are subtopics of other categories, and therefore need categories themselves.

[[Category:State Year ballot measures]] :

- [[Category:State ballot measures]]
- [[Category:Year ballot measures]]

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| Categories: Florida ballot measures 1984 ballot measures |
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This category should also use the {{sbm}} and {{State abbreviation}} (ex. {{fl}}) templates on the discussion page

[[Category:State ballot measure templates]] :

- These pages are already created

[[Category:Ballot measure template for Year]] :

- These pages are already created

Ballot measures pages

(Ex.

[http://web1.ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Florida Exemption of Homestead and Personal Property from Forced Sale, Amendment 1 \(1984\)](http://web1.ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Florida_Exemption_of_Homestead_and_Personal_Property_from_Forced_Sale,_Amendment_1_(1984)))

These pages have three basic categories:

- [[Category:State Year ballot measures]]
- [[Category:Topic, State]]
- [[Category:Topic, Year]]

Categories: [Florida 1984 ballot measures](#) | [Property, Florida](#) | [Property, 1984](#) | [Taxes, Florida](#) | [Taxes, 1984](#)

(Notice in the above example that more than one topic can be added to a ballot measure page)

Each of these categories are subtopics of other categories, and therefore need categories themselves.

[[Category:State Year ballot measures]] :

- [[Category:State ballot measures]]
- [[Category:Year ballot measures]]

Categories: [Florida ballot measures](#) | [1984 ballot measures](#)

This category should also use the {{sbm}} and {{State abbreviation}} (ex. {{fl}}) templates on the discussion page

[[Category:Topic, State]] :

- [[Category:Topic]]
- [[Category:State ballot measures]]

Categories: [Property](#) | [Florida ballot measures](#)

This category should also use the {{sbm}}, {{wpi}} and {{State abbreviation}} (ex. {{fl}}) templates on the discussion page

[[Category:Topic, Year]] :

- [[Category:Topic]]
- [[Category:Year ballot measures]]

Categories: [Property](#) | [1984 ballot measures](#)

This category should also use the {{sbm}} and {{wpi}} templates on the discussion page

Measure that did not make the ballot

(Ex.

[http://web1.ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Florida Tax Rollback and Cap Amendment, Proposition 1 \(1984\)](http://web1.ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Florida_Tax_Rollback_and_Cap_Amendment,_Proposition_1_(1984)))

These pages have four basic categories:

- [[Category:Did not make ballot in Year]]
- [[Category:Did not make ballot in State]]
- [[Category:Did not make ballot in State, Year]]
- [[Category:Did not make ballot, topic]]

Categories: Did not make ballot in 1984 | Did not make ballot in Florida | Did not make ballot in Florida, 1984 | Did not make ballot, taxes | Did not make ballot, state and local government budgets, spending and finance

(Notice in the above example that more than one topic can be added to a ballot measure page)

Each of these categories are subtopics of other categories, and therefore need categories themselves.

[[Category:Did not make ballot, topic]] :

- [[Category:Did not make ballot by issue]]
- [[Category:topc]]

Categories: Did not make ballot by issue | Taxes

Categories: State and local government budgets, spending and finance | Did not make ballot by issue

This category should also use the {{sbm}} and {{wpi}} templates on the discussion page


Template Use:

The other three categories are typically inserted by making a template to place them on the page, along with the Not on Ballot infobox. This template is named “no” “state abbreviation” “year” without spaces (i.e. Template:nofl1984 or {{nofl1984}})

Template **Discussion** [Read](#) [Edit](#) [View history](#) [Go](#) [Search](#)

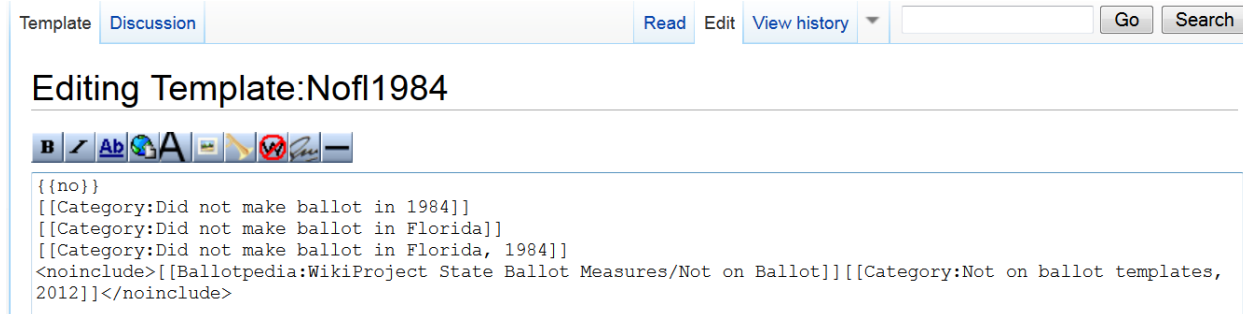
Template:Nofl1984

Ballotpedia:WikiProject State Ballot Measures/Not on Ballot

Not on Ballot

This measure did not or will not appear on a ballot

Categories: Did not make ballot in 1984 | Did not make ballot in Florida | Did not make ballot in Florida, 1984 | Not on ballot templates, 2012

Here is the source code for the previous picture:



This template should also use the `{{sbm}}`, `{{wpi}}`, `{{wtemp}}` and `{{State abbreviation}}` (ex. `{{fl}}`) templates on the discussion page

[[Category:Did not make ballot in Year]] :

- `[[Category:Did not make ballot by year]]`
- `[[Category:Year ballot measures]]`

Categories: [Did not make ballot by year](#) | [1984 ballot measures](#)

This category should also use the `{{sbm}}` and `{{wpi}}` templates on the discussion page

[[Category:Did not make ballot in State]] :

- These pages are already created

[[Category:Did not make ballot in State, Year]] :

- `[[Category:Did not make ballot in Year]]`
- `[[Category:Did not make ballot in State]]`

Categories: [Did not make ballot in 1984](#) | [Did not make ballot in Florida](#)

This category should also use the `{{sbm}}`, `{{wpi}}` and `{{State abbreviation}}` (ex. `{{fl}}`) templates on the discussion page

Template (Cont.)

The template also uses within the `<noinclude>` tags the following category:

- `[[Category:Not on ballot templates, year]]`

This category uses `[[Category:Not on ballot templates]]`

Category: [Not on ballot templates](#)